

# Board Update

## Board Members

*Aaron Close, President*

*Pete Gordon, Vice President*

*Eric Lyda*

*John Rowland*

*Laura Smith*

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*Board Meeting*

*February 19, 2019*

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Berkeley Springs High School located at 149 Concord Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

Aaron Close, Board President, presided. Pete Gordon, Laura Smith, Eric Lyda and John Rowland, Members, and Erich May, Superintendent, were present.

Present were: Treasurer, Ann Bell; Directors – Jamie Harris, Nicole Hiles and Russell Penner. Others – Holly Palmer, Robert Palmer, Gray Jones, Shelley Jones, Amanda Ruston Kristen Gingery, Donovan Ruston, Brian Tucker, Ian Helmick and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Shunney, *Morgan Messenger*.

## I. Call to Order

President Close called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

## II. Pledge of Allegiance

Boys Scouts from Troop 12 led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

## III. Roll Call

All Board of Education members were present.

## IV. Approval of Agenda and Addenda

The board approved the Agenda and Addenda.

## V. 2019-2020 Calendar Hearing

### A. Presentation of Proposed Calendars

Ann Bell, Treasurer, gave a brief overview of the proposed calendar options. (NOTE: This was Hearing #1)

### B. Public Comments: Ms. Bell read a few comments emailed to the office regarding the calendar.

## VI. Presentations

### A. LSIC – Berkeley Springs High School **Postponed until April 2, 2019**

VII. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: Mr. Close sadly noted the passing of former employees Hilda Fox and Joan Rypkema and PASS volunteer Gerry Chaskas.

NOTE: Mr. Close gave an updated on the work stoppage and the current legislative news.

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mr. Gordon noted that he and Mr. Lyda attended the WVSBA Winter Conference.

NOTE: Mr. Lyda noted that he was able to meet with Delegate Cowles and discuss current legislation.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent May noted that he is concerned about lost days of instruction.

NOTE: Superintendent May stated that he and Mr. Nida are working with the Board of Health regarding making the BSHS Gym a point of distribution during a time of crisis.

NOTE: Superintendent May acknowledged Paw Paw Schools for receiving the Family Engagement Center Grant.

VIII. Public Comments: None

IX. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(A) to discuss personnel matters at 6:31 p.m. President Close reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:41 p.m. No action was taken.

X. Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends approval of the following consent actions as presented:

- A. Minutes of the February 5, 2019 Regular Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)
- D. Volunteers

A change was made to the February 5, 2019 minutes on the motion to approve the agenda and addenda; the person making the second was corrected. The board approved the Consent Agenda including the amended minutes.

XI. Personnel

The superintendent recommends approval of the following personnel actions as presented:

A. Professional Personnel

1. Retirement

- a. Orvis “Gene” Brock, Principal, Warm Springs Middle School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2019.

- b. Barbara Miller, Assistant Principal, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2019.
- c. Rosalie Betcher, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

2. Employment

- a. ~~Brian Tucker, Long Term Substitute Social Studies Teacher, Warm Springs Middle School, effective beginning February 20, 2019, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.~~

B. Service Personnel

1. Resignation

- a. Peggy Gray, Substitute Clerk, County, effective at the end of the day on February 11, 2019.
- b. Stefany Morris, Substitute Clerk, County, effective at the end of the day on February 10, 2019.

2. Retirement

- a. Clarence Litten, Custodian, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2019.
- b. Roger Steiner, Custodian, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2019.

3. Unpaid Leave of Absence

- a. Sharon Roach, Cook II, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective from February 19, 2019 until the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

4. Employment

- a. John Armpreister, Substitute Custodian, County, effective beginning February 20, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.(019-261)

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

1. Employment

- a. Jeff Palmer, Saturday Detention Teacher, Paw Paw Schools, effective beginning February 20, 2019, on an as/if needed basis, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.(019-272)
- b. Courtney Walker, Title I Intervention Teacher, Paw Paw Schools, effective beginning February 20, 2019, on an as/if needed basis, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.(019-274)

- c. Lizbeth Maldonado, Title I Intervention Teacher, Pleasant View Elementary School, effective beginning February 20, 2019, on an as/if needed basis, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.(019-241)
- d. Aurie Cline, Intervention Teacher, County/Boys & Girls Club, effective beginning February 20, 2019, on an as/if needed basis, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.(019-280)
- e. John Rowland, Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon having enough athletes to field a team.
- f. Amanda Henry, Mentor Teacher, Warm Springs Middle School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year.(019-152)
- g. Chip Breeden, Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon having enough athletes to field a team.

D. Professional Staff Development

- 1. Compensate the following individuals for attending staff development on February 6, 2019 from 3:30-4:30. Funding Source – Title II

Richard Soos                      Lisa Wenzel

- 2. Compensate the following individuals for attending staff development on February 6, 2019 from 3:30-4:30. Funding Source – Special Ed.

Betty Ruppenthal              Amy McCumbee  
Misty Clark

The board approved Personnel Agenda Item XI.C.1.e. Mr. Rowland recused himself from the vote due to being the object of the vote.

The board approved the remaining items of the Personnel Agenda.

XII. Budget/Finance

- A. Approve Memorandum of Agreement with the WVU Cooperative Extension Service and the County Extension Service Committee:

The board approved Agenda Item XII.A.

- B. Approve United Way Self-Certification Checklist to meet requirements of Community Impact Grant Application.

The board approved Agenda Item XII.B.

XIII. Discussion/action on resolution of concerns related to Senate Bill 451.

A motion was made to table the item. The motion died.

The board approved the resolution with amendments.

#### XIV. Calendar of Events

March 5, 2019	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – WES</li><li>• Calendar Hearing #2</li></ul>	WES
March 19, 2019	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – PVE</li><li>• Adopt Calendar</li></ul>	PVE
April 2, 2019	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – BSHS (rescheduled)</li></ul>	BSHS
April 16, 2019	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m.	Board Office
May 7, 2019	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
May 21, 2019	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office

#### XV. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(8) to discuss student and personnel safety at 7:12 p.m. President Close reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:55 p.m. No action was taken.

#### XVI. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:00 p.m.